Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it a port appointment?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

POONKUNNAM RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' QUARTERS—CONDITION OF

247. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the state of the Railway Employees' Quarters attached to the Poonkunnam Railway Station;

(*b*) whether the Government be pleased to find out whether the quarters are fit for the residence of human beings from the point of view of the health of the residents?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) and (*b*) The Railway Agent who was referred to in the matter has informed the Government that the two Railway Quarters at Poonkunnam are maintained in good condition.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* My personal investigation has proved me otherwise. I had opportunities to go there personally, and it is after that I sent this question. If the D. P. H. or the Minister or the Secretary to Government visit this place, they will be satisfied that the information supplied by the Railway Company is incorrect.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know why did the hon'ble member go to the cooly quarters?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I did not question about the cooly quarters. It was about the insanitary condition of the buildings of the officers' quarters that I have referred in the question.

LATIN CHRISTIANS IN FINANCE AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS—IMPROVEMENT IN PAY AND PROSPECTS OF

248. Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the No. of Latin Christians recruited on the permanent establishment in the Lower Division of the Finance and Revenue Departments excepting the Village Staff, in the days of the Staff Selection Board and prior to its constitution;

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